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Action of the United States Intelligence Board on  
the Downgrading and Release from the TALENT  
Security Control System of Materials Obtained Over  
USSR Prior to May 1, 1960

On August 30 the United States Intelligence Board authorized the  
following action.

25X1C 1. Release of materials, reports, and information obtained  
through overflight of the USSR prior to 1 May 1960 in the TALENT Security  
Control System is authorized after such materials have been downgraded  
to SECRET and bearing the dissemination limitation of [REDACTED] 25X1C

[REDACTED] The release and downgrading will be in  
accordance with the procedures set forth below. [REDACTED]

25X1C Procedures for Downgrading 25X1C

2. The senior intelligence office in each agency will define  
the substantive requirements to guide the selection of materials and reports  
to be downgraded and released.

3. Photography:

a. The following must remain within TALENT  
Control: original negatives, roll duplicate negatives, mission  
plots or positions thereof except for target locations, mission  
coverage summaries, analytical data produced by CIA/PIC for  
operational support, and tracker of a given mission except in  
single frames.

b. Delete all titling on photography. Retitling  
may, but is not required to show: camera configuration,  
month and year, Z time, location or coordinates, and scale  
(not expressed with K factor). All photographs acquired  
through overflight will be given an acquisition number by CIA/PIC.

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This number will be printed on all downgraded reproduction which will permit ready reference by all consumers to the original negative and frame number. The acquisition number of all frames then downgraded and released by any consumer will be filed with CIA/PIC.

c. Photographic Interpretation Reports and Intelligence Reports: The following actions are required:

- (1) Approval by the originating office or offices.
- (2) Deletion of reference to (a) TALENT and CHESS, (b) statements of requirements, and (c) any attribution of collection source.
- (3) No reference to track.
- (4) Confirmation of photograph to be reproduced in the report in accordance with the specification listed in paragraph 3.b. above.
- (5) Classification and control will be consistent with the classification and control of non-TALENT sources and information revealed.
- (6) Report series indicator and report number will be different from TALENT report number.
- (7) Reports will be disseminated thru normal document handling channels to all intelligence agencies with whom SECRET reports are normally exchanged. In addition it is mandatory that each agency inform the TALENT Control Officer of each member agency thru T channels by form memorandum of such releases.
- (8) Two copies of each report will be filed with PIC via the TALENT System prepared in accordance with these procedures.
- (9) Original TALENT report will not be recalled.
- (10) Original printed TALENT reports may not be released under any circumstances.
- (11) Information not hitherto published will when published conform to each of the applicable foregoing procedures.

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4. ELINT: ELINT reports may be downgraded in accordance with paragraph 3. c., (1) through (11), except for paragraph (4). ELINT tapes will remain in the System since they have already been exploited.

25X1C 5. Classification and Control: TALENT materials, reports, and information prepared in accordance with the specifications outlined in paragraphs 3. and 4. will be classified SECRET, [REDACTED] 25X1C  
[REDACTED] (downgrading prohibited). Information drawn from downgraded materials may not under any circumstances be incorporated in any manner in publications or uses of lower than SECRET classification.

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